# Hyperlipidemia







#### INTRODUCTION

- Hyperlipidemia Hyperlipoproteinemia means abnormally increased plasma lipoproteins-one of the risk factors for atherosclerosis (deposition of fats at walls of arteries, forming plaque)
- Other risk factors-Cigarette smoking, Diabetes, another source of oxidative stress. Also, obesity and, hypertension.
- Hyperlipemia denotes increased levels of <u>triglycerides.</u>
- Such abnormality is extremely common in general population, regarded as highly modifiable risk factor for cardio vascular diseases, due to influence of cholesterol.



## The story of lipids

- Chylomicrons transport fats from the intestinal mucosa to the liver
- In the liver, the chylomicrons release triglycerides and some cholesterol and become low-density lipoproteins (LDL).
- LDL then carries fat and cholesterol to the body's cells.
- High-density lipoproteins (HDL) carry fat and cholesterol back to the liver for excretion.

### Lipoprotein Processing Pathways

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### The story of lipids (cont.)

- When oxidized LDL cholesterol gets high, atheroma formation in the walls of arteries occurs, which causes atherosclerosis.
- HDL cholesterol is able to go and remove cholesterol from the atheroma.
- Atherogenic cholesterol  $\rightarrow$  LDL, VLDL, IDL

### Atherosclerosis



## Causes of Hyperlipidemia

### 1. Diet

- 2. Hypothyroidism
- 3. Nephrotic syndrome
- 4. Anorexia nervosa
- 5. Obstructive liver disease
- 6. Obesity
- 7. Diabetes mellitus
- 8. Pregnancy

- 9. Acute hepatitis
- 10. Systemic lupus erythematousus (SLE)
- 11. AIDS (protease inhibitors)

## **Dietary sources of Cholesterol**

Type of Fat	Main Source	Effect on Cholesterol levels
Monounsaturated	Olives, olive oil, canola oil, peanut oil, cashews, almonds, peanuts and most other nuts; avocados	Lowers LDL, Raises HDL
Polyunsaturated	Corn, soybean, safflower and cottonseed oil; fish	Lowers LDL, Raises HDL
Saturated	Whole milk, butter, cheese, and ice cream; red meat; chocolate; coconuts, coconut milk, coconut oil, egg yolks, chicken skin	Raises both LDL and HDL
Trans	Most margarines; vegetable shortening; partially hydrogenated vegetable oil; deep- fried chips; many fast foods; most commercial baked goods	Raises LDL

### Hereditary Causes of Hyperlipidemia

#### Familial Hypercholesterolemia

- Codominant genetic disorder, coccurs in heterozygous form
- Occurs in 1 in 500 individuals
- Mutation in LDL receptor, resulting in elevated levels of LDL at birth and throughout life
- High risk for atherosclerosis, tendon xanthomas (75% of patients), tuberous xanthomas and xanthelasmas of eyes.

#### Familial Combined Hyperlipidemia

- Autosomal dominant
- Increased secretions of VLDLs

#### Dysbetalipoproteinemia

- Affects 1 in 10,000
- Results in apo E2, a binding-defective form of apoE (which usually plays important role in catabolism of chylomicron and VLDL)
- Increased risk for atherosclerosis, peripheral vascular disease
- Tuberous xanthomas, striae palmaris

## Checking lipids

- Nonfasting lipid panel
  - measures HDL and total cholesterol
- Fasting lipid panel
  - Measures HDL, total cholesterol and triglycerides
  - LDL cholesterol is calculated:
    - LDL cholesterol = total cholesterol (HDL + triglycerides/5)

## When to check lipid panel

#### Two different Recommendations

- Adult Treatment Panel (ATP III) of the National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP)
  - Beginning at age 20: obtain a fasting (9 to 12 hour) serum lipid profile consisting of total cholesterol, LDL, HDL and triglycerides
  - Repeat testing every 5 years for acceptable values
- United States Preventative Services Task Force
  - Women aged 45 years and older, and men ages 35 years and older undergo screening with a total and HDL cholesterol every 5 years.
  - If total cholesterol > 200 or HDL <40, then a fasting panel should be obtained
  - Cholesterol screening should begin at 20 years in patients with a history of multiple cardiovascular risk factors, diabetes, or family history of either elevated cholesteral levels or premature cardiovascular disease.

## Goals for Lipids

### LDL

- < 100 → Optimal</p>
- $100-129 \rightarrow \text{Near optimal}$
- 130-159  $\rightarrow$  Borderline
- 160-189→ High
- ≥ 190 → Very High
- Total Cholesterol
  - < 200  $\rightarrow$  Desirable
  - 200-239  $\rightarrow$  Borderline
  - ≥240 → High

### HDL

- < 40  $\rightarrow$  Low
- ≥ 60 → High
- Serum Triglycerides
  - $< 150 \rightarrow normal$
  - 150-199  $\rightarrow$  Borderline
  - 200-499 → High
  - $\geq$  500  $\rightarrow$  Very High

## Determining Cholesterol Goal (LDL!)

## Look at JNC 7 Risk Factors

- 1. Cigarette smoking
- Hypertension (BP ≥140/90 or on antihypertensives)
- **3.** Low HDL cholesterol (< 40 mg/dL)
- Family History of premature coronary heart disease (CHD) (CHD in first-degree male relative <55 or CHD in first-degree female relative < 65)</li>
- 5. Age (men  $\geq$  45, women  $\geq$  55)

## Determining Goal LDL

### 6. CHD

- 7. CHD Risk Equivalents:
  - Peripheral Vascular Disease
  - Cerebral Vascular Accident
  - Diabetes Mellitus

### LDL Goals

### 0-1 Risk Factors:

#### LDL goal is 160

- If LDL ≥ 160: Initiate TLC (therapeutic lifestyle changes)
- If LDL ≥ 190: Initiate pharmaceutical treatment

### 2 + Risk Factors

- LDL goal is 130
- If LDL ≥ 130: Initiate TLC
- If LDL  $\geq$  160: Initiate pharmaceutical treatment

### CHD or CHD Risk Equivalent

#### LDL goal is 100 (or 70)

If LDL ≥ 100: Initiate TLC and pharmaceutical treatment

### **Importance of Cholesterol**

If you somehow removed all Cholesterol, the body would melt & disappear Liver makes 75% of body's Cholesterol. Brain is made of Fat & Cholesterol





## Treatment of Hyperlipidemia

- Lifestyle modification
  - Low-cholesterol diet
  - Exercise

## Medications for Hyperlipidemia

Drug Class	Agents	Effects (% change)	Side Effects
HMG CoA reductase inhibitors	Lovastatin Pravastatin	↓ <b>LDL (18-55),</b> ↑ HDL (5-15) ↓ Triglycerides (7-30)	Myopathy, increased liver enzymes
Cholesterol absorption inhibitor	Ezetimibe	↓ LDL( 14-18), ↑ HDL (1-3) ↓Triglyceride (2)	Headache, GI distress
Nicotinic Acid		↓LDL (15-30), <b>↑ HDL (15-35)</b> ↓ <b>Triglyceride (20-50)</b>	Flushing, Hyperglycemia, Hyperuricemia, GI distress, hepatotoxicity
Fibric Acids	Gemfibrozil Fenofibrate	↓LDL (5-20), ↑HDL (10-20) ↓ <b>Triglyceride (20-50)</b>	Dyspepsia, gallstones, myopathy
Bile Acid sequestrants	Cholestyramine	↓ LDL ↑ HDL No change in triglycerides	GI distress, constipation, decreased absorption of other drugs



### TLC

Lower your cholesterol, decrease risk for heart disease, and lose weight with the Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes (TLC) Diet, a weight-loss program created by the National Institute of Health (NIH) and endorsed by the American Heart Association. Following the TLC Diet is simple -you'll cut back on saturated fats, incorporate more fiber into your diet, and add regular exercise into your daily routine to get your health back on track.

How It Works:

First, know why you're starting the TLC Diet to help determine your daily caloric intakes. If the objective is to lower LDL cholesterol, <u>men</u> <u>should consume 2,500 calories per day and women should</u> <u>consume 1,800 calories per day.</u> If the objective is to lower LDL cholesterol and lose weight, men should consume 1,600 calories per day and women should consume 1,200 calories per day.

	There are a few rules from NIH you'll need to				
	follow each day when keeping to your calorie				
	<u>count:</u>				
1	. Consume less than 7 % of your daily calories from				
	saturated fat.				
2	. Consume less than 200 mg a day of cholesterol.				
3	. Consume 25-35 % of your daily calories from total fat				
	(including the saturated fat calories).				
4	. Eat two grams per day of plant stanols or sterols if you				
	want to lower LDL cholesterol. You can find these in				
	things like orange juice, cereal, and granola bars.				
5	. Eat 10-25 grams per day of soluble fiber found in things				
	like nuts, seeds, beans, and lentils if you want to				
	lower your LDL cholesterol.				

- 6. Eat no more than five ounces of meat, preferably skinless chicken or fish.
- Eat two to three servings of low-fat or fat-free dairy per day.
- 8. Eat three to five servings of vegetables, dry beans, or peas per day.
- 9. Eat two to four servings of fruit per day.
- 10. Eat six or more servings of breads, cereals, or grains per day.
- 11. Eat no more than two egg yolks per week, including the yolks in baked goods and cooked or processed foods.
- 12. Plus, you should have 30 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise every day



Cutting out bad fat from your diet will help to lower your cholesterol, since fat, especially saturated and trans fat, increases your LDL (bad cholesterol) which increases risk for heart disease. Plus, consuming more soluble fiber is also beneficial, as it can help reduce your risk for heart disease and fills you up so that you'll eat fewer calories. Overall, eating a healthier diet and getting active for 30 minutes each day will improve your health and help you lose weight.



